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REMARKS

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1. After 28 February 1953, all the barracks installations in Naumburg were reoccupied by the units and officers previously stationed there. ¹

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2. On 21 February, the German workers employed there, were not allowed to enter the Fuchsberg Kaserne in Justerbog. ² on this day, the troop units returned to the installation. After that date and after a general cleaning of the quarters, ³ the usual training activity, especially physical training and drill. Engineer troops prepared a damaged building for close combat practice. Individual T-34/85 tanks engaged in short exercises.

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3. On 17 February, 5 x 100-mm AT guns and 5 prime movers were seen in the Dorna-Gera area. Truck ⁴ was seen nearby. At about 8:40 a.m. on 19 February, five canvas-covered tanks, ⁵ had participated in a night exercise, were seen on the edge of a woods between Gera and Hermsdorf near the Gera-Zeitz road. At about 1 p.m., they were no longer seen there but an undetermined number of 150-mm guns and 100-mm AT guns were at the same place. The prime movers were about 500 meters from there, in the terrain. Trucks ⁶ were seen nearby. On 19 February, three columns including tanks entered the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz, allegedly coming from Glauchau. ⁷

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4. From 25 February to 1 March, units from Cottbus were entrained at Cottbus and Luebbenau almost daily. Source expressed the belief that the trains left toward the north. On 25 February, an undetermined number of trucks, field kitchens, tank trucks and troops with artillery insignia, ⁸ had come from Cottbus by road, were loaded on 60 railroad cars at the Luebbenau railroad station. An undetermined number of troops was detrained in Cottbus during the nights of 1 and 2 March. On 2 March, the Alvensleben Kaserne and the Hermann Loens Kaserne were again occupied. The barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. ⁹

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5. On 3 March, all the units stationed in Plauen, except for the signal unit stationed in the Kirchbach Kaserne, left their installations. ¹⁰ did not observe any loadings. About 60 motor vehicles, ¹¹

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[redacted] 8 x 76-mm field guns and 8 x 122-mm field
howitzers left the Koenig Georg Kaserne for an exercise, [redacted]
[redacted] took place in the Schleitz area. The units returned on 6 March.
On 4 March, reports of heavy weapons were heard from a direction, about
20 km northwest of Plauen, and aircraft was circling over Plauen.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that the units of the 57th Gds
Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Naumburg which, after 11 February, had participated
in an exercise in the Zeitz-Lossa area, had returned, probably some of them
by road. According to reports on transportation, eight shipments from the
Lossa training area had arrived in Naumburg on 17 and 18 February.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Major elements of the 14th Gds Mecz Div, on 11 February,
had left for a large exercise in the area west of Justerbog. The information
contained in paragraph 2 indicates that this exercise lasted 10 days.

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the artillery units
belonged to the 303th Arty Brig (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps
stationed in the Reuss Kaserne in Gera.

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4. [redacted] Comment. This information is forwarded with some reserve. Transfers
from Glauchau to Gera-Tinz in December 1952 were reported previously.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The information indicates that the exercises of the 9th
Mecz Div in the Cottbus-Baruth area took place from 25 February to 1 March.

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6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] an exercise of elements
of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Plauen, which was held from
3 to 6 March 1953.

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